

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:
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:Examiner: Maples

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Title: Brazed Ceramic Seal for Batteries
with Titanium-Titanium-6Al-4V
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY, RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION,
AND AMENDMENT

Examiner John Maples of the United States Patent and Trademark Office held a telephone interview with Applicant Quallion LLC's ("Applicant") representative, Mary Elizabeth Bush, on November 26, 2002. The Restriction Requirement of October 10, 2002, Applicant's response thereto in which Group I was elected, and a subsequent Office communication of November 13, 2002 were discussed. It was decided to add cancelled claim 1, as originally filed, back into the case as new claim 44, corresponding to elected Group I.

In response to the Office communication of November 13, 2002, Applicant confirms election of Group I, identified in the Restriction Requirement as being "drawn to a brazed ceramic ring". Claims 16-43 had been submitted with the Election and were believed to correspond to Group I. The subsequent Office communication indicated that the newly submitted claims were "of a different scope than the previous claims of record" and that two more sets of claims were presented that were "drawn to two additional groups of invention". The Examiner is respectfully requested to identify which of claims 16-43, if any, properly correspond to elected Group I and to withdraw from consideration any that do not.

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